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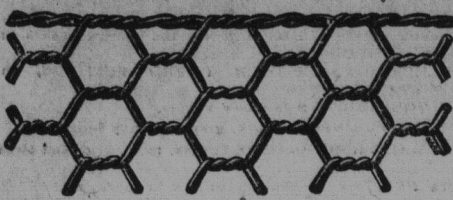
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SPORTING NEWS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Yale defeated Columbia at hockey tonight at St. Nicholas rink, in one of the hardest fought and best contested games of the season, by the score of 3 goals to 2. Yale's victory concluded the preliminary round of the Inter-Collegiate Hockey League series, and now Yale, by a peculiar provision of the Inter-Collegiate tournament will play Harvard, who has not yet been defeated, for the inter-collegiate championship. Yale and Harvard will play three more games, two of which are to take place this week.

Columbia put up a great game against Yale's faster play and superior team work.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Playing schedules satisfactory to both sides were arranged at today's meeting of the committee representing the American and National Base Ball League, and the magnates left for home tonight.

There are several conflicting dates in the schedules, but they were made by choice in order to avoid long railroad journeys between games. The schedules call for 140 games in each league. The National playing season will open April 15 and the American one week later, April 22. The season in both leagues will close Sept. 27 or 28.

The schedules will not be given out until the annual meetings of each league to be held in New York in the near future.

The meeting of the committee to prepare a new national agreement composed of President Powers of the Association of Minor Leagues; Johnson of the American, and Pulliam of the National League, will be held in New York at the call of President Johnson.

COMMERCIAL.

DAILY QUOTATIONS.
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Yester- day's close.	To- day's close.	Feb. 25.
Amalg. Copper	74 1/2	74 1/2
Am. Cotton Oil	12 1/2	12 1/2
Am. Sugar Refin.	12 1/2	12 1/2
A. T. and S. G. pfd.	87 1/2	87 1/2
Am. Tobacco	100 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Wire & Cable	12 1/2	12 1/2
Brooklyn R. T.	82 1/2	82 1/2
Canada Pacific	127 1/2	127 1/2
Ches. and Ohio	29 1/2	29 1/2
C. M. and St. Paul	17 1/2	17 1/2
Chic. and N. W.	28 1/2	28 1/2
Consolidated Gas	127 1/2	127 1/2
Gen. Electric	89 1/2	89 1/2
Ill. Central	144 1/2	144 1/2
Louis. and Nash.	12 1/2	12 1/2
Met. Street Ry.	12 1/2	12 1/2
Mo. Kan. and Tex.	28 1/2	28 1/2
M. K. and Tex. pfd.	112 1/2	112 1/2
Missouri Pacific	112 1/2	112 1/2
N. Y. Central	147 1/2	147 1/2
N. Y. Ont. and West.	23 1/2	23 1/2
Norfolk and West.	74 1/2	74 1/2
Penn. R. R.	148 1/2	148 1/2
Poo. Gas L. and C.	104 1/2	104 1/2
Reading	62 1/2	62 1/2
St. L. South. pfd.	64 1/2	64 1/2
Southern Iron Co.	25 1/2	25 1/2
Tenn. C. and I.	67 1/2	67 1/2
Union Pacific	90 1/2	90 1/2
U. S. Leather	12 1/2	12 1/2
U. S. Steel	39 1/2	39 1/2
U. S. Steel pfd.	38 1/2	38 1/2
Wabash	21 1/2	21 1/2
Wabash pfd.	53 1/2	53 1/2
West Union Tel.	89 1/2	89 1/2

STOCK MARKET.
NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Wall Street: Prices generally advanced a sharp fraction at the opening. The exceptions were among the Gould stocks and the Metropolitan Street Railway and the Pennsylvania. St. Louis and San Francisco after opening up 1/2, reached a point and there was a reactionary tendency elsewhere after the opening. There were heavy dealings in Amalgamated Copper and the Pacific. Alameda rose two points in sympathy with the Amalgamated.

COTTON.
NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Cotton: Futures opened weak. Feb. 25; March, 9 1/2; May, 8 3/4; July, 8 1/4; August, 8 1/8; Sept., 8 1/4; October, 8 1/4; November, 8 1/4.

RUSH OF IMMIGRANTS.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Immigration officials report Tuesday as having been one of the busiest days Ellis Island has known in some time, owing to the holiday. Altogether 3,787 steerage passengers were landed.

St. John, N. B., February 24, 1903.

NEW SAILOR SUITS.

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CAMPAIGN NOTES.

A Question for D. C. Fraser to Answer This Evening.

The Opposition Gaining All Along the Line—Osman Opposes Blair's Federal Cry.

A public meeting for workmen will be held this evening at Labor Hall, Oddfellows' Building, Union street. All teamsters, masons, carpenters and workers at all trades are specially invited. Addresses will be given by G. A. Blair, M. G. Kelly, John Killen, Samuel Cook and opposition candidates.

Messrs. Anderson and Agar, the opposition candidates, will speak at Mispec tonight.

There will be a grand rally at Carleton City Hall tomorrow, Thursday, evening, at which time candidates will address the electors.

The I. C. R. grants excursion rates to all who will go to Moncton to hear Mr. Blair speak in favor of the Tweedie government. Isn't that nice? Advice from Kings, Queens, Kent, Charlotte, York, Northumberland, Carleton, Albert, Westmorland, Sunbury, Restigouche and Madawaska indicate an opposition victory all along the line. The attempt to force the fight on federal lines in some counties and not in others has, indeed, the chances of the government, for it is a betrayal of the government's case.

ONLY TWO MORE DAYS TO COMPLETE YOUR ORGANIZATION, GENTLEMEN OF THE OPPOSITION. MAKE THEM FRUITFUL DAYS. TO THE END THAT ON SATURDAY NEXT YOU WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE POLLS BY THE VERY BEST MEN IN THE WARD—MEN WHO KNOW THE VOTERS AND ARE QUICK TO DETECT ANY SHARP PRACTICE ON THE PART OF THE GOVERNMENT HEELERS. THE VICTORY MUST BE DECISIVE.

Fraser's here! Hurroo!

A government that can't stand alone ought to be toppled over.

His colleagues in the government have declared war of confidence in Hon. H. A. McKeown. Though he is a "brilliant young orator" and all that, they dare not trust him to conduct the campaign in St. John. They send for Mr. Blair and then for Mr. Fraser. Mr. McKeown should resign this kind of treatment.

The premier of New Brunswick has entirely ignored St. John in this campaign. He has not made a single speech here. Why?

Give the boasters the worth of their boasting on Saturday.

Mr. Osman, government candidate in Albert, is opposed to a fight on federal lines.

Rev. William Lawson of Milltown states that he and other temperance men who supported Mr. Vroom, the temperance candidate in Charlotte, withdrew their support from him since he allied himself with the government party.

Mr. O'Connell of Kings once threw up a contract in the states because he was asked to take the oath of allegiance. Mr. O'Connell is the right sort of Canadian.

It is stated that Mr. Turgeon, M. P., liberal of Gloucester, is out against the government.

What's this talk about "recent" candidates? Give us something about D. C. Fraser of Nova Scotia.

Vote the full opposition ticket. Every vote counts. Make it count in favor of better government.

The electors of St. John have a right to resent the intrusion of a Nova Scotia machine politician into a purely provincial contest.

The telegraph this morning has a two-column item about a "liberal" in Picton, N. S., telling the people of St. John to vote for the government. Are we imbeciles, that we must be taught our duty by men from another province who do not even sign their names to their communications?

Mr. Mott captured a government meeting at Campbellton last evening at which Tweedie, Labliss and McLaughlin spoke. The crowd called for Mott and he held the fort from the time Tweedie stopped speaking at 10:30 until daylight, carrying the audience with him in his denunciations of the government.

Mr. MacAlpine says Mr. Ellis is guilty of political ingratitude. For what is Mr. Ellis indebted to such liberals as Mr. Tweedie?

"Mr. Hatway is a counterfeit," says E. H. MacAlpine. Mr. Hatway will ring true on Saturday, when the counterfeit liberals are turned down as bogus coin.

Mr. Carleton at Milford last evening again trotted out the "four trust" of which D. J. Purdy is a member. Why doesn't Mr. Purdy half that slender against himself and the other merchants of St. John?

"Many Hazen men have been nominated. Can you put your finger on one of them who is sure of election?" enquired Mr. Hatway. There are four in this constituency who will be elected.

HON. MR. DUNN BACKED OUT.

The statement is being circulated in Musquash that Fred M. Anderson will speak at that place in joint debate with Hon. Mr. Dunn. The statement is not correct and is made without any authority from Mr. Anderson, who has already challenged Hon. Mr. Dunn to a joint debate, which the latter declined. Recently Hon. Mr. Dunn extended an invitation to Mr. Anderson to be present at the government meeting in Musquash. Mr. Anderson agreed to do so if allowed half the time, which was refused, and he was told he would have to take what time there would be to spare for him. This offer he, of course, refused, as a fair hearing would not be possible under such circumstances.

BARN STORMERS.

Messrs. McKeown and Purdy harangued an audience of eight or ten persons the other evening in a barn at the

foot of Simonds street. It was one of their "rousing North End rallies." The horses in the stable are said to have greatly enjoyed the event. It was enough to make a horse laugh.

THE STREET CAR MEN.

As a sample of the kind of talk the government party heeleders are indulging in the Star yesterday quoted the statement of one of them that they would round up the whole street railway vote for Tweedie. The silly Telegraph tries to make it appear that in doing so the Star slandered the street car men. Of course the Star did nothing of the kind. Why should it attack them, when the large majority of them are going to vote the straight opposition ticket? The Telegraph is too silly.

THE HON. D. C. FRASER.

He has come. He has arrived. He is here. At last we are to have the truth. D. C. Fraser is in town. It is announced in six places and in four or five kinds of type in this morning's Telegraph. Mr. Fraser is to speak in the York Theatre tonight. He knows all about New Brunswick politics. He has lived here so long that he can give you day and date for everything, and he knows that Mr. Tweedie is a great economist and a tried and true liberal. The government party have not done justice to Mr. Fraser. They did not have a band at the depot to meet him, and so far as stated, there will not be any band at the York tonight. When a great authority on New Brunswick politics is about to deliver himself of a message to the people there should be great rejoicing. Mr. Fraser will speak in the York Theatre, but he can easily be heard at the Suspension bridge. This will be a great advantage to those who cannot get into the York. The Star cordially welcomes Mr. Fraser to this contest. His coming is the strongest possible evidence of the hopeless condition of the government party. Even Mr. Blair could not save them, and they sent for Fraser. Verily, they are on the run.

A SWEEP IN CARLETON CO.

WOODSTOCK, Feb. 25.—Never was such enthusiasm shown at any political meeting in Hartland as that which greeted the opposition candidates there last evening. The hall was crowded to the doors and cheers rang from every part of the house in response to every point made by the respective candidates.

Mr. Flemming spoke at great length and with his usual eloquence made a most favorable impression upon every one there. Messrs. Hartley and Smith criticized severely the Tweedie administration and were heartily cheered. Hartland reports a sweeping majority for the opposition candidates.

A COWARDLY THREAT.

In a speech last evening George Robertson said "he had faith that the good sense of the community, with its banking, commerce, real estate and other interests, would not permit its committing suicide, but that wanting assistance for these works from the dominion government is would strengthen Mr. Blair by returning the local government to power."

If the Tweedie government is overthrown, as it deserves to be, will Mr. Blair still be minister of railways and St. John's representative in parliament? Will it not still be Mr. Blair's duty to do justice to his constituents? Does Mr. Robertson say that unless the people of St. John sacrifice their convictions for the sake of Mr. Tweedie that Mr. Blair will wreak vengeance upon the city? Let us understand this thing. Perhaps Mr. Robertson will go a little more into particulars tonight. The people ought to be told plainly with what weapon Mr. Blair will smite them.

CONDEMNNS MR. BLAIR.

The Halifax Chronicle, whose liberalism even Mr. Blair cannot question, condemns the minister's attitude in the New Brunswick elections, and says:

"It is a mistake, we think, the seriousness of which can scarcely be exaggerated, to attempt to drag such liberals as Mr. Blair and such a liberal organ as the St. John Globe into the line—under the partisan bugle. The liberal party has not been used to bulldozing, nor is it likely to take meekly to it. Liberals are convinced, could not do their party or their country a worse turn than to place themselves unreservedly in the hands of party 'bosses.'"

ANSWER THIS, MR. FRASER.

I. C. R. employees are not allowed to vote in Nova Scotia provincial elections. Hon. D. C. Fraser was for a time a member of the government of Nova Scotia. He approved of this disfranchisement of the railways. Why, Fraser will perhaps tell us tonight why he endorsed that inquiry.

CHAMBERLAIN'S WORK.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Mr. Chamberlain will leave Capetown for England today, according to the Tribune's London correspondent. The Capetown correspondent of the Morning Post telegraphs in reference to Mr. Chamberlain's tour:

"The feeling of safety in Cape Colony is greater than it has been at any time since the Jameson raid."

KILLED BY TRAIN.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Thomas Vaughan Baker, assistant transportation agent, department of the lakes, U. S. A., was killed last night in attempting to alight from a moving suburban train. Mr. Baker was 62 years old and had been connected with the United States army for 35 years.

RACE HORSES BURNED.

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind., Feb. 25.—Fourteen race horses were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Mackey stables here today. Among them were Logan Boy, Mexican Boy, La Fontaine and Jonah Boy.

The fish dealers report today that the supply is no more than equal to the demand, and during the Lenten season there is the possibility of a scarcity. Snelt fishing has been almost a failure in some parts, and the weather has interfered with the fishermen's work in the bay.

The standing timber of Canada equals that of the continent of Europe and is nearly double that of the United States.

AN EPIDEMIC.

Many Deaths From Grippe in New York and Brooklyn.

There are 920 Patients in Bellevue Hospital—An Alarming Condition of Affairs.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Crowded to its utmost capacity, Bellevue hospital is hardly able to care for its patients. An epidemic of grippe has brought the number of patients in the institution up to 920.

When the limit had been reached, in order to turn no one away, spring mattresses were set up as temporary beds, and every inch of space was used in this way. So serious has the epidemic of the grip in Brooklyn become that the health department has sent out a special warning to all keepers and janitors of public buildings and instructing them to use extraordinary care in keeping the buildings properly ventilated. Corps of inspectors and their assistants have started in to disinfect all of the court rooms in the borough. This treatment may be extended to the school houses. Twelve deaths from the grip were reported last week. Since January there have been forty-six deaths from the disease in Brooklyn, which the health officials consider an alarming record in view of the fact that only fifty-three deaths from grip occurred in the entire twelve months of 1902.

DIED THIS MORNING.

Mrs. Dr. Moore of Stanley and James Bogue of St. George.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 25, 1903.—The death occurred this morning at two o'clock of Dora, wife of Dr. D. E. Moore, of Stanley, a man of influence and wealth in his locality, and president of the York and Carleton Railway. She had been ill one week with typhoid and seriously ill only since yesterday, when complications ensued. She was the daughter of Squire McBean, of Nashua, and leaves one son, thirteen years of age. The bereaved husband, who is very popular, has the sympathy of the entire community.

ST. STEPHEN, Feb. 25.—James Bogue, of the inland revenue department died very suddenly while attending mass in the Church of the Holy Rosary this morning. His home was in St. George, but his headquarters were here. He was about seventy-two years of age, and one of the most honorable men in our midst, commanding the respect and esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances.

TO MUCH COLLEGE.

Plain Talk by Prof. Perrin of Boston University.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—The students of Boston University are discussing a talk which Professor Marshall T. Derrin, of the university, gave to his class on the subject of the influence of the college on the student's life. According to the noted educator, a great mistake is made by those parents who, knowing that their children lack brains, still think that they can have them trained to lives of usefulness, by packing them off to college. Dr. Perrin declared that careful judgment should be used in choosing between practical training and higher education. Among other things he said:

"Many a boy would do better to stick to the blacksmith shop and many a girl to the millinery trade. Too many feel that going to college is going to redeem their lives. It sometimes ruins them. Some people are no good in college, but all right in other lines. It is much better to be a successful laborer than a tenth-rate minister, a fifth-rate lawyer or a pretty school marm."

BURIED TODAY.

This afternoon at two o'clock the funeral of the late John A. Watson took place from his late home on Essex street and was very largely attended. Among the mourners were many members of the different lodges of Masons, Knights of Pythias and Foresters walking in bodies, as well as hundreds of other citizens. The casket was embedded in beautiful floral tributes, among which were a large cross from the St. John's Encampment, K. T., a triangle from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick, a Maltese cross with the letters L. B. C. from Court Martello, I. O. F., a large shield from the Knights of Pythias, a cross from the members of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, a square and compass from Union Lodge, F. & A. M., of Portland, a standing wreath on ivy base from the employees of the Maritime Lithograph Co., a roll of honor from Louis D. Clarke, Mr. Watson's employer.

The pallbearers were George B. Heagan, Alexander R. Campbell, William P. Wallace, Hon. Arthur I. Trueman, Alex. W. Macrae and James Moulson. At half-past two o'clock service was conducted at the house by Rev. Dr. Macrae and L. G. Macneil, after which the body was taken to Fernhill for interment.

The funeral of the late Joseph W. Laakey was held from his late residence, 51 Exmouth street, at half-past two o'clock this afternoon. Service was conducted by Rev. G. M. Campbell and interment made in the Methodist burying ground.

At nine o'clock this morning the funeral of the late Jeremiah McCarthy, who lost his life in Monday's fire, took place from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Mary Coughlan, 64 Portland street. Requiem mass was celebrated in St. Peter's church, and the body was interred in the new Catholic cemetery.

The death occurred at the General Hospital today of Warren E. MacCabe, a young man who was formerly employed as clerk in the Victoria hotel. He was twenty-one years of age, and was the son of John MacCabe of Parrsboro, N. S. During his illness he has been attended by his sister, Miss MacCabe, who will tomorrow accompany the body to the young man's home in Parrsboro.

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POLICE COURT.

A Government Voter Who Will Not

Vote This Time.

Unless something happens pretty soon a certain good government supporter is in danger of being unable to lose his vote on Saturday. But to counterbalance this, the young man's brother will not be deprived of his Lenten supply of fish. Lorne Williams of the North End was arrested last evening on the charge of stealing a half barrel of herring from his brother's woodhouse. The story told by the prisoner was a somewhat contradictory one. He tried to sell the fish to D. C. Wetmore and said he was selling fish, hay and oats on commission for a South wharf merchant, D. C.—not Fraser—declined to purchase and then Williams, although he was ashamed to tell it, related how he got the fish from Frank Hatheway for the promise of four votes. He wished to keep the thing quiet. After making due enquiries and being satisfied that Williams was not telling the truth and that he had come by the fish honestly, purchased the barrel for eighty cents. Five minutes afterwards he learned that it had been stolen.

This morning Edward Williams, who owned the fish, told of how he had missed it and later on found the barrel at Mr. Wetmore's.

Then Lorne put up another story. This time he had found the barrel on the street and had carried it home. He said that he had never received anything from Mr. Hatheway and was not selling goods on commission. It came out in evidence that a few days ago he purchased on credit a bale of hay for eighty-one cents and sold it for sixty cents, with which to pay a bill. He wanted the hay for his horse, and intended selling the animal on Saturday pay for the hay. The only flaw in this was that Williams never owned a horse. The case was postponed until this afternoon, when he may have another interesting story prepared.

Mary Ferrie got loaded yesterday and lost her job. She was lady help in a house and was locked out for being drunk. Meeting a policeman she tried to tell her troubles to him, but the hard hearted trouble only grinned and helped the overburdened woman to the lockup. This morning she wanted a husband and said so several times, but all the men in court were either married or didn't want to be, and Mary having no home, went to jail for two months.

Charles Campbell, arrested for assaulting James Clark, in a saloon yesterday, pleaded guilty and was fined twenty dollars.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.—Sch. Hustler, Thompson, from fishing; sch. James Barker, Ellis, from Queens; sch. Flushing, Ferris, from Parrsboro; sch. Trv Again, Eggeest, from Grand Harbor; barge No. 6, Wadman, from Parrsboro; sch. Silver Wave, McLean, from Quaco.

Clearing.—Costwise—Sch. Hustler, for fishing; tug Flushing, for Parrsboro; sch. Abana, Black, for Quaco.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Feb. 25.—The Cooper Wells hosiery factory here was completely destroyed by fire today, entailing a heavy loss.

Mr. Shadbolt, the new manager of the Bank of Montreal, arrived today.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., FEBRUARY 25, 1903.

SHAW, WILSON, MCINERNEY, HATHWAY.

A vote for these men is a vote for better government in the province of New Brunswick.

THINK IT OVER.

Whatever false issues may be raised, or attempts made to divert attention from the real question before them for settlement, the electors of St. John should bear one fact clearly in mind.

It is the legislature of New Brunswick that has been dissolved, and it is the government of New Brunswick that is on trial on its past record.

The people are not asked whether they want a dry dock, or whether Canada is prosperous, or whether there is likely to be another revolution in South America.

The simple question to be decided is whether the Tweedie-Pugsley government at Fredericton has been a good government, and deserves another four or five years at the head of provincial affairs.

Once more let it be stated that this is not a struggle between liberals and conservatives. Every man in the city of St. John knows that in all its history the St. John Globe has never been other than a liberal paper. Its opponents have sometimes thought that it was rather violent in its liberalism, and they certainly never went to it for either comfort or consolation. If this were a straight fight on federal lines the Globe would be on the side of the liberals, with all its strength and influence. But it opposes the Tweedie-Pugsley government as a non-liberal, opportunist combination, which seeks to ride on the patient shoulders of the liberal party into another term of office at Fredericton.

The Globe finds, on looking over the field, that "Of the total candidates nominated so far as known there appears to be on the government side thirty-six liberals and eleven conservatives; on the opposition ticket fourteen liberals and thirty conservatives." It further finds that "There are at least half a dozen candidates, taking both sides together, whose real place in dominion politics might be marked by a note of interrogation." Who can blame the Globe if under these circumstances it declines to agree with even so assertive a politician as Mr. Blair?

No matter, then, how loudly the orators and organs of the government in this constituency may declare for their own purposes that the fight is on federal lines, the people know it is not so.

And this leads to another very important question. Are candidates who attempt to deceive the people with a false cry any more worthy of confidence and support than Messrs. Tweedie and Pugsley?

Would it not be better for the city and county of St. John to send to Fredericton six men who are not afraid to discuss the real issues, and who make no effort to bring in foreign issues to bolster up their case?

The Star commends these observations to the thoughtful attention of every citizen of St. John.

THE REAL ISSUE.

The fight in this election is between men and mountebanks; between those who honestly desire for their province good government, and a coterie of time-serving opportunists to whom all that goes to the making of a statesman is as nothing beside a longer grasp of the reins of power and its emoluments.

The government of New Brunswick has fallen upon evil days. In the control of unscrupulous demagogues the people who make the party have unknowingly been drawn into conditions which few adequately appreciate. But to their credit and to the honor of the province the intelligence and independence of those people are being aroused and in numbers which will be shown on Saturday next, they are withdrawing their favor from leaders whose unworthiness they have discovered.

Now the flag of the liberal party is being waved before the eyes of these observing ones in the hope that it may blindfold them to the real issues. But the liberal flag flaps awkwardly in the hands of Hon. L. J. Tweedie, and even the accomplished Dr. Pugsley occasionally make a false movement. Mr. Labllois also confuses things by waving another flag, and the performance is not convincing.

Nobody knows better than these men that the people are tired of them. Their only hope is to hide behind bigger men and a party to which most of them have been strangers. But their own inconsistency has defeated the attempt. The people know that federal issues have nothing at all to do with this campaign.

AS TO CANDIDATES.

The closing days of the campaign are marked by unjustifiable attacks upon Messrs. McInerney and Hathway, the labor candidates. Keen and searching criticism is expected in a political campaign, but there has been something more than that in the case of these two men. Mr. Hathway is held up to view as a "political Carey," and Mr. McInerney as a "Shylock." Unfortunately for those who make these attacks, both gentlemen are so well and favorably known in the community that such unfair attempts to lower them in

public estimation have the very opposite effect. It would be much better for the government speakers and writers to endeavor to set forth reasons why the government should be upheld rather than to make unjustifiable personal attacks upon men who after next Saturday will be the representatives of St. John in the provincial legislature.

THE RAILWAY VOTE.

In an interview in today's Star a railway man sets forth in rather bitter terms the condition of I. C. R. employees at election times. Of course there are men in the railway employ who will vote for the government, but there are many who are opposed to it, and would like to see record their vote. It is over these the rod of intimidation is held, not only in St. John, but all along the line. It is a potent weapon, which all who know the determined nature of Mr. Blair, and his interest in this contest, are well aware he will use to the fullest extent. Nevertheless, despite the pessimistic tone of the railway man who has expressed his views to the Star, this paper does not believe the policy of coercion will have any effect.

HERE'S ANOTHER.

Here's another nut for Mr. Blair and the Telegraph to crack. At the nomination proceedings in Albert county Mr. Osman, one of the government candidates, referred to Mr. Rommel's claim that he was a life-long liberal and said he would hold up both hands for a meeting of conservatives and liberals to select and to send to Fredericton their best men irrespective of party. He was in favor of eliminating party politics from provincial politics. Just as soon as they did this the better government they would have.

Mr. Osman is one of the candidates of the "liberal" government. He is a conservative.

The electors of St. John may expect during the next day or two that every effort will be made to arouse personal prejudice against the opposition candidates. But Messrs. Shaw, Wilson, McInerney and Hathway are well known. They are capable men and good citizens, and they are on the side of right in this contest. The interests of St. John will be perfectly safe in their hands. They have quite as much at stake as citizens of St. John as the government candidates have. And they are quite as able to discuss public questions on the floors of the house. Vote the ticket.

Premier Tweedie aided in the defeat of John Morrissey, liberal candidate in the last federal election in Northumberland county. Mr. Blair approved of the sacrifice. Does this make Mr. Blair absolute ruler of New Brunswick liberalism, with Mr. Tweedie second in command?

A Westmorland liberal writes that he regards Mr. Blair's statement, that he and Mr. Tweedie were agreed in opposing the liberal candidate in Northumberland county, as a "debasing confession." It certainly does not seem to be a confession to be proud of.

Mr. Blair is going to Moncton and Campbellton. He is sorely needed in those places as well as in St. John, York and Sunbury, but he cannot save the Tweedie-Pugsley government. He made a grievous mistake when he consented to try.

The charge made against Mr. McInerney that he has not lived long in St. John is not worthy of notice. Hon. Mr. Emmerson represented Albert county in the legislature although he did not live there at all.

If you are opposed to the government vote the whole opposition ticket. Every vote counts, and it should count in favor of better government.

Leave the personal abuse of candidates to the supporters of this great and good government. Let them have a monopoly of it.

Occasionally the opportunist has to go up against his record. Watch a few of them on the 26th.

CONSERVATIVE VICTORY.

MONTREAL, Feb. 24.—North Grey today went over to the conservative column, Thompson (Con.) defeating Kennedy (Lib.) by a majority of 225. The election was rendered necessary by the death of Dr. Horsey. The result is being celebrated in great style tonight by friends of the successful candidate.

ST. ST. LAZARIE, Feb. 24.—Ethier (Lib.) was elected in today's election, defeating Beauchamp (Con.) by 150 majority. There is no change.

ST. JEROME, Que., Feb. 24.—The election in Terrebonne to fill the vacancy in the house of commons caused by the resignation of Hon. R. Prefontaine resulted in the return of Dr. Despardine (Lib.) by 282 majority over Masson (Con). Terrebonne is a solid liberal place.

HE VOTED TWICE.

PEMBROKE, Ont., Feb. 24.—Judge Pembroke this afternoon sentenced Dr. J. P. Hollingsworth to six months in jail and \$600 fine for voting twice in referendum last December.

The flavor of Red Rose tea is delicious.

The steamer Petreian arrived at Halifax last evening, after a very stormy passage. The Canadian football team are among the passengers.

If it's Red Rose tea it's good tea.

PLANS FOR NEW FERRY.

Tenders and Plans for New Boat Asked For—All Night Service.

At the meeting of the civic board of works yesterday it was decided that a new ferry should be placed in a house between No. 3 and 4 sheds for the protection of the Sand Point terminals.

The plans of the Dominion Coal Co. for improvements on Robinson wharf were approved.

Dissatisfaction was expressed regarding the method of spending money in the public works department and it was resolved that the director be asked to submit to the board the expenditures under each heading for the year as compared with the estimates for the said works.

The payment for the horses recently purchased was referred to the treasury board.

Director Cushing was instructed to sink posts at the site of the new ferry building to discover the nature of the ground.

It was ordered that in future the order of council prohibiting the purchase of anything in the way of supplies except by order in council be adhered to.

Geo. E. Holder was granted a renewal lease of the upper portion of the McLeod building for one year, he to quit on three months' notice, the city to have the right to enter to make repairs.

D. J. Seely and Son, and Patterson, Downing & Co., were granted renewal leases of buildings now held.

An application from the International S. S. Co. for payment of part of the expenses of repairing the float on their wharf was referred to a committee.

A communication from Michael Crilley, of Duke street, asking compensation for injuries received by falling on a defective sidewalk at the corner of St. Andrews and Sidney street was filed.

Plans and specifications were submitted for the new floats it is proposed to introduce in connection with the ferry service. The cost was estimated at \$500 or \$600.

Director Cushing was instructed to call for tenders for the floats, the tenders to be submitted to the board.

It was decided to recommend that David Ross be allowed \$20 for injuries received while in the employ of the city at the Marsh bridge.

The director made a report as to the asphyxiation and it was ordered that these men be paid.

It was decided that the S. P. C. A. be not allowed to use the place on King street east for that purpose.

The matter of the new ferry steamer was then discussed and it was resolved that tenders be invited for competitive plans and specifications for a side wheel boat.

Ald. Baxter wanted some provision for people to get across the harbor after the ferry stops, as it does between 11 and 12 o'clock at night. He suggested the use of a tug boat which should carry people at a price which would make the proposition a paying one. He moved that a committee be appointed to investigate this matter. The motion passed and the same committee will act upon it.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. This signature is on every box, 50c.

DIVORCE COURT.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 24.—The February term of the court of divorce and matrimonial cause was opened by Judge Gregory in the court chambers this forenoon.

There were two cases entered for trial upon the docket, that of Esther Ward v. Bliss Ward, and Benjamin F. McCutcheon v. Margaret Ethel McCutcheon. H. A. Powell, K. C., of Sackville, appeared for the plaintiff in the first case and the defence was unrepresented.

Alex. W. Baird of St. John appeared for the plaintiff in the second case, and A. George Blair, Jr., represented the defendant. Mr. McCutcheon is a resident of St. John, and his wife at present lives at home in Boston. Both parties to the suit are stopping at Long's hotel and were present in court this forenoon. The defendant, who is a woman of prepossessing appearance, occupying a seat alongside of her counsel.

The case of Ward v. Ward was undefended. In the McCutcheon case an absolute divorce was asked for on the ground of adultery.

Benjamin F. McCutcheon was the first witness sworn. Examined by Mr. Blair, he said he was married to the defendant by Rev. E. K. Gibson, at Kingston, Kings Co., N. B., in March, 1897. His wife's maiden name was Margaret Ethel Blair. They lived together until the death of the plaintiff in September, 1900. There were three children born to them, two of whom are now living. His wife was a native of Quebec, and he always resided in New Brunswick. His wife was a native of Kingston. They lived in St. John as a married couple for twelve years before trouble commenced. After that his wife was frequently out late at nights and did not get home until very late hours. He finally went away. In her absence he packed up the stuff and removed to another place. She remained away about three weeks and returned one night about twelve o'clock in company with another man named Donald. He now deceased. She remained with him for a time, and managed to fall out with the other tenants, that finally he was sent to move to another place and he remained six months. She came and went when she saw fit, and frequently rode with him and told him that ten men like him could not maintain her. He finally went to the North Shore to work for Harry McLean. During his absence he sent home money for the support of his wife and children. When he returned he found her in the care of the landlady on Germain street, which had been rented by his wife. Owing to conduct on her part they were finally ordered out by the landlady. She rented another house at \$15 a month, and he lived there with his wife for three months. He objected to paying so much rent, but his wife said she would keep a list house if he had been watching her for some time and he went to the woods again, and when he returned he found his wife was the defendant in the police court in a case for selling liquor without a license. She had two young women from Moncton who claimed to be his wife living with her, and there seemed to be quite a number of male visitors to the place. They bought beer and cigars from her. He tried to get her to give up her business, as it didn't pay, but she refused. She would not let him make more money with him away. His wife's father told him he ought to do something with her. A police officer told him about her. He went to the place. His wife left her home in September, 1900, after the landlady had unioned the house for non-payment of rent. After that his wife kept a little shop on Union street, but he made her give it up. The witness told about returning home unexpectedly on one occasion and finding his wife and a man named Irving Elmer occupying the same bed. Witness was so mad at what he saw that he did not know exactly what to do. He told his wife that he had been watching her for some time and was done with her forever. He left her shortly afterwards.

Edgar McCutcheon followed his father as witness for plaintiff, and substantiated many of the latter's statements.

The defence was then taken up. Irvine Elmer being the first witness. He is one of the men mentioned by plaintiff as having had improper relations with Mrs. McCutcheon. He positively denied the allegation.

The defendant then took the stand and denied the allegations upon the grounds of which divorce is asked. She was under cross-examination by Mr. Blair, when the court adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow. No further witnesses will be called.

KILLED AND ROBBED.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 21.—Archibald McCurdy, who was acting as watchman in a department store conducted by his brothers, was shot to death in the night by burglars. A small sum was taken from the cash drawers.

New Wilton and Axminster Carpets

Received and now showing in our Carpet Room the largest and most varied stock of Wilton and Axminster Carpets ever displayed in Eastern Canada. By calling early the purchaser will have the benefit of the full stock to select from; will receive better attention than can be given when the rush is on later in the season. Your order, if possible, will receive greater care in the making up room. You will be relieved of much anxiety by placing your orders early.

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ENGLISH WORSTED SUITINGS and SCOTCH TWEED SUITINGS, in fancy mixtures, stripes and checks.

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ENGLISH CHEVIOTS and VICUNAS in black, grey and navy blue.

WEST OF ENGLAND RAINPROOF CLOTHS in grey, fawn, drab and olive shades.

NOTICE—Mitchell's New York fashion plates now in stock.

TWO ENTRANCES: 27-29 King Street, 39 and 41 Germain Street.

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You can find a large assortment of FINE WATCHES in GOLD, GOLD FILLED or SILVER, from the best manufacturers, American and Swiss. Do not pass us by if you want good value, and a large stock to select from.

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CLOSING.
My Big February Sale is drawing to a close. I still have Men's Hip Rubber Boots at \$8.50, sizes 6, 11, 12; Men's Storm Rubbers, 6 1-2, 9 1-2, 10, worth \$1. for 65c.; Misses' Storm Rubbers, worth 50c. for 25c. and Child's at 20c.; Men's Rubbers, sizes 11 and 12 for 40c., or 3 pairs for \$1; Boys' Buckled Rubbers at 65c.

REVERDY STEEVES,
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LOCAL NEWS.

The Artillery band will not meet this evening.

A pair of glasses found today on Princess street can be got at the Star office.

There will be a special service this evening at St. John's church, commencing at half-past 7.

A meeting of the stationary engineers and firemen will be held in Labor Hall, Union street, tomorrow evening.

The high school boys and the newcomers of the Thistle Curling Club will play a match at the Thistle rink this evening.

The statement that there was dancing at the birth party at the residence of L. H. Thorne on Monday evening is incorrect.

The Mohawks' annual carnival, which was to have been held this evening, has been postponed to next Wednesday evening, March 4th.

Today, Ash Wednesday, ushers in the Lenten season. Services were held in all the Catholic churches, at which the conferring of ashes took place.

The directors of the Agricultural Society will attend the funeral of the late J. C. Hatheway tomorrow. Coaches will leave Hamm's stable at 1.30 p. m.

A ping-pong tournament will be played next Tuesday night between teams from the Y. M. C. A. and Trinity church. Eight men will play on each side.

It is reported that, as a suitable sacrifice for the Lenten season Messrs. Tweedie, Pugsley, McKeown, Lablouis and Farris have decided to give up holding office.

A large number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dever, No. 25 Victoria street, called at their residence Monday evening and aided in celebrating the 15th anniversary of their wedding.

Rev. F. A. Currier of Woodstock is assisting Rev. D. Long in a series of revival services in Victoria Free Baptist church. The services are held every evening and are doing a good work.

A very pleasant surprise party took place last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Briggs of Main street. About twenty-five guests were present, and Mr. and Mrs. Briggs were presented with a handsome sideboard, and the evening was pleasantly spent in games and music.

PERSONAL.

Charles DeW. Smith of Windsor, N. S., was a passenger on the incoming Boston express today.

Misses Vaughan and Hoyt, of the M. R. & A. millinery department returned today from New York.

John Kilburn of Fredericton and John Morrison, of Morrison's Mills, arrived in the city today.

Dr. Atherton, of Fredericton, is in the city.

E. B. Shaw returned today from Montreal.

D. C. Fraser, M. P., arrived on the Montreal express at noon today.

M. Moore, of Calais, is at the Dufferin.

Miss Emily Goodwin is visiting in Malden, Mass.

John Ward left yesterday for Hillsboro, being called there through the serious illness of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Komlensky will leave this morning for a trip to Portland, Boston and New York.

Louis Comeau of Shediac is at the Dufferin.

L. A. Belyea has resigned his position as city agent of the Mutual Life to accept a position as city salesman for the Frost & Wood company.

Mrs. D. W. Lawson will be at home to her friends on Friday afternoon and evening, Feb. 27, 182 Brittain street.

FEW FISH FOR LENT.

Unless the weather during the next few days is favorable to the fishermen there will be something like a famine in the St. John fish market during Lent. As it is now the supply is barely equal to the city demand and orders from outside have to be declined. With the increased demand now coming the present supply will not be sufficient. Prices are ruling high. Cod and Haddock retail at 5 cents per lb; cod steak 10 cents; halibut, 15 cents; salmon 15 to 22 cents; shad 25 to 35 cents each and smelts, which are very scarce, at 8 to 10 cents a pound.

COULDN'T FIND A BOAT.

Capt. Chas. Brannen of the str. May Queen returned today from New York, where he had been looking over some steamers with a view of getting a new boat for the Grand Lake route. He reports that he saw several boats, but none whose qualifications were good enough to make up for the high duties now exacted on hulls imported from the states.

THE MAIL BOAT.

The mail boat Pretorian, with twenty-four passengers, left Halifax for St. John at one o'clock this morning. A special train bearing two hundred and forty persons from this steamer left Halifax at six o'clock and will pass through the city about five this evening.

WILL CELEBRATE.

Captain F. C. Jones has issued to the members of G. Company first contingent invitations to a dinner to be held at the Prescott house on Friday evening next, in honor of the celebration of Paardeburg Day.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

A. Gordon Lavitt will give a talk on Birds to the advanced pupils from the Winter street school tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon, at 4 p. m., in the rooms of the Natural History Society.

It is suggested in France that increase of population be encouraged by giving government positions only to men having large families.

ICE-BOUND STEAMERS.

Unparalleled Experience of the Stanley and Minto.

The I. C. R. passenger department received word from M. C. Webster, station master at Picou, to the effect that there was no change in the positions of the steamers Stanley and Minto. All excepting four of the passengers who were in the Minto have been landed at Picou, thus reducing the demands on the provisions on board the steamer. At last accounts the Stanley had thirty tons of coal, while the Minto was somewhat better off. On the steamers previous to the landing of the passengers, three hundred meals were being supplied daily. Advice from Milton Walsh of the marine department, who visited the steamers, are to the effect that from all appearances the two steamers will remain firmly fixed in the ice pan for at least another month, or until warmer weather and southerly winds release them. The ice is the same field in which the Stanley was first caught off Sea Cow Head.

On Saturday a relief crew starting from the Nova Scotia shore travelled twenty-four miles over the ice bearing supplies to the steamer. They returned as soon as possible.

Such a detention as the present one is hitherto unknown in the history of winter communication with Prince Edward Island. In the past the steamers have been caught in the ice and held for days at a time, once indeed the Stanley was fast for eighteen days, but never has there been an instance like the present one.

These two steamers, which form during the summer months a part of the Nova Scotia coastwise service, are the only ice breakers on the Atlantic coast. They are of Scottish build, fitted with exceptionally powerful engines, and specially adapted for the somewhat dangerous service on which they are placed during the winter.

In the after part of each is a large tank, which, upon occasions is filled with water for the purpose of sinking the stern and consequently raising the bow of the vessel. This is done when pans of ice oppose the passage. The steamers go ahead rise slightly on the ice and by the extra weight crush it. The movement is not an up and down one, but a continuous crushing.

When the ice is loose and drifting the steamers take advantage of all the spaces between the bodies, or, if it is not too heavy, cut through it.

At times, when endeavoring to force a passage through a broad stretch of ice the steamers are gradually stopped and then they adopt the methods used in clearing snow off the railroads—backing slowly and endeavoring to force a passage by a series of short runs. On these occasions it sometimes happens that the ice slowly closes in all around the steamers, and when such is the case, they are compelled to remain in its grip until favorable winds loosen the field or the currents in the straits make a crack in the ice. This has recently happened with regard to both of the ice steamers. In such cases the danger depends to a large extent on the weather and the formation of the ice in which the steamers are fast. In the present instance, while the field of ice is somewhat at the mercy of the winds and currents, the danger is comparatively slight. There will, however, be danger when the pan begins to break, but the boats are commanded by men of much experience and may come out safely.

ANOTHER RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

The Montreal express arrived in the city on time today.

The Boston train also pulled in just when it was due. When this news was first heard about the streets today it was scarcely believed. Many anxious enquirers were made at the western offices by those who expected friends on the train, and the answers to their questions only served to confirm the first reports. At the G. P. R. general offices the officials were unable to offer any explanation. They had not received particulars from the western division and were unable to account for the incident. The St. John division of the C. P. R. has a habit of running its trains on schedule time, but this cannot be said of the adjoining division on which the responsibility for today's break may be laid.

The trains were on time today for the first time since the earlier part of November.

Conductor John Wade, who was at the helm of the Montreal express, was a very proud man when his train pulled in on time. He walked into the station with his chest away out and crowed audibly. Nobody grudged him his triumph. It was well deserved.

NEITH.

The first issue of Neith, the new magazine edited by A. B. Walker, LL.B., has been placed on sale at the bookstores. It is a handsome magazine of sixty pages, with an artistic appearance, covered by its Egyptian title. Besides the editorial work of Dr. Walker, there are very interesting contributions by Rev. Dr. Raymond, Hon. H. A. McKeown, Rev. Dr. Wilson and George Walker, with poems by Charles Campbell and W. P. Dolé. Portraits of these contributors appear with the articles. The book is well printed on fine paper. The price is only ten cents per copy, \$1 per year.

WORKING MEN'S PUBLIC MEETING.

Tonight at Labor Hall, Oddfellows building, Union street, the working men of the city are invited to discuss the political questions of the day. It is hoped that teamsters, masons, carpenters, moulders, shipbuilders and all other trades will attend.

Speeches will be delivered by G. A. Blair, John Killen, M. G. Kelly, Saml. Cook, and also by the opposition candidates.

THIRTY YEARS AGO TODAY.

The boiler in Murphy, Simms & Co's brush making factory, on the corner of Union and Carmarthen streets, exploded. Peter Borden of Peters street was killed, his body being terribly mangled. Murphy, the fireman, was badly injured and a boy named Fitzgerald was bruised. The building was wrecked.

Smallpox broke out in the almshouse. There were quite a large number of cases in the city.

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"It's all very well for people outside to talk about independence and the sacredness of the ballot and the worth of a vote for conscience's sake, but I'd like to hear what they'd have to say if they knew that that kind of a vote meant hungry mouths at home. There's not a decent lot of men in the world than railroad men. There's hardly a man I know on the I. C. R. that would take money for his vote, but this thing is different. Look at it from their point of view. Now remember I'm talking of the rank and file."

"Here's a man with a job that means everything to him. Railroaders of some kind is the only trade he knows. He doesn't make much money, but he gets a fairly good living, and pay day comes regularly. Politics had nothing to do with his getting the job, generally, and in most cases he couldn't have gone into the work if he thought the railroad was hiring his soul and his conscience along with the work of his hands. But he's into the work and getting out of it means privation for him and for those dear to him. What's he going to do when a government heeler comes and tells him straight out that if he doesn't vote right his job is gone? Morally, perhaps, he ought to insist on his right to judge for himself, but it takes a mighty strong man to risk the food for wife and kids for sentiment."

"Will the government use that method? Why, they've used it every time they've had a chance, and in this campaign they've begun it already. With this cursed open ballot system they've got us where the wool's short and they're not going to let go. You watch the railway vote in Moncton after Blair argues with the men in that winning way of his. And what can we do about it?"

TERRIBLE STORM.

Does Great Damage in the British Islands.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—A severe gale prevailed here and along the coast last night causing much damage to property. In this city trees were uprooted, walls of buildings in course of construction were blown down and many houses were unroofed.

Chatham and Dover railroad was blocked for considerable time by a heavy snow which had been blown across its tracks. It required several hours for workmen to remove the debris. It is estimated that the wind attained a velocity of between sixty and seventy miles an hour at times during the night. This morning, however, the gale is abating. The gale was very severe along the coasts and it is feared that a number of vessels have been lost.

A telegram received early this morning at Lloyds reports the first disaster. The British steamship Monadnock, Capt. Woods, bound from Blythe for Boston, with a cargo of coal, was driven ashore on the Isle of Man. Her crew were rescued with much difficulty by the life savers. The vessel is well up and it is believed that she will be a total loss. She was of 2,792 tons net register.

IRISH AFFAIRS.

Mr. Redmond Makes a Conciliatory Speech in the Commons.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The Irish leader, John Redmond, in the house of commons today, moved an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, on the subject of the Irish land question. Mr. Redmond's speech was most conciliatory. He said the amendment was not intended as a hostile demonstration against the government, but as a "friendly warning" to the ministry that he and his friends believed the government is engaged in framing a great measure of justice and appeasement for Ireland, which, in the words of the King's speech will "complete the abolition of the dual ownership of the land." All he (Mr. Redmond) wanted was that St. Joseph's orphanage, Halifax, Monday afternoon. The deceased, who was twenty-eight years of age, was born in Boston.

POPE'S DINNER TO THE POOR.

ROME, Feb. 24.—The pope gave a dinner to 1,000 poor persons in connection with his jubilee in the great court of Belvedere in the Vatican. Sisters of charity waited on the guests, who keenly enjoyed the open air feast. They enthusiastically drank the health of his holiness and invoked blessings upon the generosity of the pontiff.

The pope did not attend the banquet, but he sent his benediction and a rosary that he especially blessed to each of his guests.

The pope has donated 625,000 lire to the relief of the poor of Rome, Perugia, his former diocese, and Carpineto, his birthplace.

INTERVIEWED KING EDWARD.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—D. R. Francis, president of the St. Louis Exposition, who was accompanied by Ambassador Choate, was received in audience by King Edward at Buckingham Palace this morning. The King was most cordial in his reception of Mr. Francis and evidenced much interest in the exposition. Mr. Francis was more than satisfied with His Majesty's promises to lend all possible influence towards providing for full representation of Great Britain at St. Louis. The appointment of a royal commission to this end doubtless will be announced in a few days.

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CITY OF SAINT JOHN.

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Kings, Queens, Duke and Sydney Wards at Foster's Corner.

Wellington and Prince Wards at Bricklayers' and Masons' Hall, Brussels Street.

Guys Ward at City Hall, West End.

Brooks Ward at No. 8 Engine House.

Dufferin Ward at Segee's Hall.

Victoria Ward at Victoria Rink, City Road.

Lorne Ward at Temple of Honor Hall.

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M. Auetin, \$1; a friend, \$2; Arthur Daint, a sailor, \$1; officers of S. S. Kaastalia, \$5; D. W. Clark, Carleton, clothing; Miss A. Frazer, clothing; Miss Loughlin, reading matter; Mrs. E. A. Smith, bundle of reading; Mrs. Elliott, reading matter and furniture; H. G. Colwell, reading matter; Woman's Aid Association, St. Luke's church, two quilts; F. D. Brown, paper and envelopes; S. L. Gorbell, clothing; Mrs. Joseph Taylor, clothing, reading matter, and pieces of carpet; Mrs. Stetson, clothing, papers and magazines; Mrs. R. C. Holt, carpet for hand rag; G. H. Colwell, reading matter; Mrs. C. H. Fairweather, clothing and reading matter; A. O. Skinner, pieces of carpet; Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd., pieces of carpet; Morton Smith, clothing; Mr. Raymond, London House, piece of carpet.

The mission has received several other gifts of reading matter and carpet; but not being marked it cannot be named. The donors are: Mrs. C. H. Colwell, reading matter; Mrs. C. H. Fairweather, clothing and reading matter; A. O. Skinner, pieces of carpet; Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd., pieces of carpet; Morton Smith, clothing; Mr. Raymond, London House, piece of carpet.

A large amount of reading matter is required that all sailors coming to the rooms may receive some. There is also a great need of more clothing. If the people of the city could realize how many worthy sailors come to the mission in need of clothing, they would keep the mission well supplied, that it might minister to such needy men.

RECENT DEATHS.

The death occurred at his home, Cole Harbor, N. S., yesterday morning of Jacob H. Conrod, the oldest man in the district, and who had resided there for half a century, and devoted his attention to the fishing industry. He was 96 years of age, and leaves eight daughters and six sons.

Sister Maria Lucia died at St. Joseph's orphanage, Halifax, Monday afternoon. The deceased, who was twenty-eight years of age, was born in Boston.

The death of Mrs. Sadie Lawrence, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McNamara, occurred Monday at Windsor, after a lingering illness of consumption. The deceased was 33 years of age.

David Smith, the oldest resident of Cheverie, N. S., passed away on Sunday last at the advanced age of 93 years.

A young man named William J. Finn, living at No. 39 Blowers street, Halifax, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. The young man, who was about 24 years of age, was employed at Ungar's Laundry and was at work on Monday as usual. When he retired Monday night he did not feel very well, but did not think he was seriously ill.

John Barnes, one of the oldest residents of Amherst, is dead at the age of 90 years. He leaves a large family.

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Victoria ward at Victoria Rink, City road.

Lorne Ward has changed its meeting from Temple of Honor Hall to Mullin building, opposite Car sheds.

Lansdowne ward at Temple of Honor Hall.

Sydney ward has elected Wm. Lewis chairman, W. C. Heustis, vice-chairman, and John Jackson, secretary.

THIS EVENING.

Bandman Opera Co in "San Toy," at the Opera House.

First night for Blair Trophy in St. Andrew's Rink.

Meeting of Carpenters' and Joiners' Union in Sons of England Hall.

Government meeting in York Theatre.

THE DEATH ROLL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Henry Farrer, one of the best known water color painters in America, is dead. He was born in London in 1843, and came to this country in